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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 760

AMEMBASSY TOKYO FLASH

INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE FLASH

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM FLASH

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4525

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONSUL BEING HELD HOSTAGE

1. RED ARMY GUNMAN NOW DEMANDS THAT NINTH FLOOR STAIRWELL OCCUPIED BY MALAYSIAN POLICE BE EVACUATED POLICE BE EVACUATED IMMEDIATELY. CONSULAR SECTION IS LOCATED ON NINTH FLOOR AND THERE IS ACCESS TO FREIGHT ELEVATOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN USING TO MOVE PEOPLE IN AND OUT OF BUILDING AND TO EMBASSY PREMISES, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ON 12TH FLOOR. IF NINTH FLOOR ACCESS IS DENIED TO US AND TURNED OVER ENTIRELY TO GUNMEN, WE WILL BE FORCED TO REMOVE REMAINING PERSONNEL FROM EMBASSY AND CLOSE DOWN COMMUNICATIONS. WE DO NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, WHAT REACTION OF MALAYSIAN POLICE WILL BE TO THIS NEW DEMAND.

2. GUNMAN ALSO CLAIMS THAT HE IS HOLDING 50 PEOPLE IN CONSULAR SECTION. WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING GUNMAN TO ALLOW US TO SPEAK TO CONSUL STEBBINS. HE CONFIRMS THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 50 PEOPLE HELD THERE AND THAT THERE ARE NO REPEAT NO INJURIES.

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HE ALSO SAID THAT HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN WELL TREATED.

3. JAPANESE EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TOMIKAWA TOLD US A FEW MINUTES AGO THAT HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TOKYO BY CABLE AND BY TELEPHONE, BUT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID "HOT LINE" IS BEING SET UP BETWEEN HIS EMBASSY (ON 6TH FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING) AND TOKYO. WE HAVE LIAISON OFFICER POSTED IN JAPANESE EMBASSY.
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